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Dec. 31 '21
Jan. 1 '22

Luke 5:1-6

V

The year that is just closing has not meant as much, in goodness, uprightness and helpfulness to most of us, if to any of us as we had hoped and expected that it would, when we started out 12 months ago. And it is natural for us to try to find out why we have failed. We may decide, that one thing and another have caused us to fail; we may decide, that our location was against us, that our association was not helpful, and that we were not given a fair chance. All of these may have had something to do with our failure, but in no case have these had all to do with our failure. Our failure, in the main has been due to the fact that we have not taken God into our affairs as we should have.

Let us learn from our text:-

- 1-That our Lord is always an onlooker, and will help us as we toil with the problems of life.
- 2-That our possessions increase and yield their greatest profit under divine control.
- 3-That our Lord never forgets nor neglects the personal interests of those who make him first in their lives and serve him.
- 4-That when we try to solve the problems of life independent of our Lord, we toil alone and in the darkness of night.
- 5-That obedience to God's law always brings success and victory.

If during the past year we have toiled amid doubts and fears, let us do it no more, but let us remember that our Lord is watching over us and will care for our every need.

Let us willingly give over to him any little possession that we may have, that he may use it to his glory and to our advantage.

-----Amen-----

Jan. 1 '22

Luke 14:27-30

M

Those who assemble in the house of worship to spend the last moments of the old year and the first moments of the new year, consider the whole matter not from a secular view point, but from a religious, spiritual view point. For during the past year our greatest problems have been religious, spiritual. And during this year the religious problems will demand our best thought and greatest energy. So we feel that in these first moments of the year 1922 we need to take an inventory of our spiritual possessions and forces; and under the direction of the Holy Spirit to stock up, so that we may be prepared for whatever experience may come to us. Our subject is

Taking An Inventory And Stocking Up For 1922.

Let us see what we have on hand and what we need:-

- 1-Of intelligence.
- 2-Of optimism.
- 3-Of faith and hope.
- 4-Of earnestness and sincerity.
- 5-Of goodness, kindness, love and mercy
- 6-Of good will.

Then let us observe that we must get rid of whatever is left of:-

- 1-Suspicion.
- 2-Injustice.
- 3-Hate.
- 4-Bigotry and false pride.
- 5-Self righteousness.

Let us do all this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

-----Amen-----

Jan. 8-'22 Matt. 22:35-40 μ

If there were any question, in our minds, as to how God expects us to be equipt and prepared for spiritual service, the ample provision that he has made for our training should for ever settle the question. We have first of all his holy prophets and early institutions, and then his Word, his Son and the Church. He has all these that his people might have vision and be able to render acceptable service. So those who constitute the Church today are expected to be spiritually efficient. But there is only one standard by which to judge spiritual efficiency. Many standards have been set up by men; and are considered by many to this day as the proper standards by which to judge spiritual efficiency. Our Subject is
The Supreme Test of Spiritual Efficiency

Matt. 22: 35-40.

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Let us observe: -

- 1st That the Intellectual test is often given to spiritual efficiency.
- 2nd That the Ecclesiastical test is often given to spiritual efficiency.
- 3rd That the Philanthropic test is often given to spiritual efficiency.
- 4th That the Emotional test is often given to spiritual efficiency.
- 5th That the Supreme test of spiritual efficiency is Love to
a) God. b) God's people
c) God's Cause.

May we be aware always of the fact that it is possible for God-people to be spiritually efficient.

— Amen —

Jan 22 '22

Matt. 10:31

M

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Man is so constituted, that he likes to know what his fellow men think about him, what estimate they put upon him. For they know that the provision that will be made for them; and the appreciation that they shall receive from those for whom they labor, all depends upon how much they are worth in the estimation of their fellow men. Of course there are always those who are incapable of placing the proper value upon any one.

The Value Of A Christian.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That the Christian is valuable in every legitimate phase of life, whether civic or ecclesiastic.
- 2-That the Christian is valuable among all peoples, and in every nation.
- 3-That the Christian is valuable in every age and period of history.
- 4-That it is the Christian's association that gives him his value.

May this announcement of our Lord, that you are of more value than many sparrows, make us to feel the importance of the obligations that rest upon us.

Let us keep in mind always, that so long as our Lord and Master is strong, and powerful, holy and good that we too shall be valuable in all of these virtues.

-----Amen-----

Jan. 29 '22

John 4:L.C.35

M

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white and ready to harvest.

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Every man who intelligently views the world, views it according to the particular phase of life in which he is especially interested. In the kindergarten of world experience most persons are interested in things; as quarries, forests, mines and fields. And as they advance they become interested in boats, trains, automobiles and buildings. But when they have advanced further under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit, and the leadership of the Master they become interested in men. Then as they follow the leadership of the Master, they become acquainted the different classes of men, men saved and men unsaved, men strong and men weak, men useful and men useless. When we see the world with Jesus, we see it in its relation to man.

Our subject is Seeing The World
With Jesus. Let us observe:-

1-The Advantage of seeing the world with Jesus.
a)We see the world's need. b)We see God's supply for the world's need. c)We see the opportunity for service that the world furnishes.

2-The Economy of seeing the world with Jesus.
a)We see the world's best. b)We see that which is permanent. c)We see that which is most useful.

3-The Pleasure of seeing the world with Jesus.
a)He knows the world. b)He loves the world.
c)He has a complete program for the world.

May we all take advantage of the blessed privilege of seeing the world with Jesus.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 5 '22

Phil. 4:13

V

Most men, though contented, are not satisfied with their lot; their accomplishments, successes and victories are away below their desires and aspirations. For years and years most men wonder why they have not done better. They have assigned first one thing, and then another, as the cause of their failure. They have thought that the country in which they lived was the cause; hence they have moved. But their successes have been no greater in the new country. Then they have decided that they were doing the wrong kind of work, or that they were engaged in the wrong kind of business; so they have gotten a new job, or they have changed their business; but their achievements have been no greater at the new job, or in the new business. Then they have decided that they needed more money and more education. And they have gotten more money and more education, and still they have not been able to come up to their hopes and aspirations.

What man needs in life most is not a new country, is not a new job, not a new business, is not more education, not more money, but a help mate, a partner, one who has power, influence and ability. For some this help mate, partner is a book keeper, a secretary, for some it is a lawyer, for some it is a mechanic, and for many more it is a wife or husband. But none of these nor all of them combined make success certain. To make success and victory certain life needs and must have the great Coefficient. Life's Great Coefficient. We observe that man needs Life's Great Coefficient to give him:-

- 1-Wisdom, Knowledge and truth.
- 2-Real legitimate ambition.
- 3-Courage
- 4-Optimism.
- 5-Peace, Joy, Rest.

Let us all take Christ our Lord as our great Coefficient. May each of us have the consciousness that he makes us able to do all things.

-----Amen-----

Ungodly Counsel is

1-Not Wise. 2-Not Just. 3-Not Kind nor Merciful
4-Not Sympathetic.

I Sinners should never be permitted to
Provide, Your Place for 1-Meditation. 2-Re-
Creation. 3-Play-Immusement

The man who would be blessed of God must
always have an attitude of Love, Sympathy,
and mercy toward the ungodly.

II The Law of the Lord must not be simply
tolerated and feared, but it must
be delighted in by those who would be blessed
of God.
The Law of the Lord must have at-
tention in the busy hours of day
and the quiet hours of night, the
time of feasting and banqueting.

III The tree that is planted has great
advantage over the tree that simply
grows of itself. A Place where it shall
be planted is selected with great care.
The leaf and fruit of this tree come
in their order and do their duty.
This tree will only do the things for
which it was planted.

IV There is never any thing stable
and trustworthy about the
ungodly.

V The Sacredness, and holiness of
the Congregation of the Lord
should be magnified so as to
make the sinner realize his
unworthiness to partake of the
things of God.

VI God travels the way of the righteous
and therefore knows it. The way over which
God does not travel must perish.

Feb. 12 '22

Phil. 2:3,4

M

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

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The christian Church is an organization that may be likened unto an army or a great manufacturing plant, with their various departments. There are many persons in the army who know and are interested only in that particular branch of the army with which they happen to be identified. There are men who have been connected with some of our great manufacturing plants for years, but they know only about the little part in which they do their bit day by day. And should they see a man training to do work in a department of which they have no knowledge it would be difficult to convince them that he was going to work in the same plant in which ~~they~~ **are** working daily.

If all members of the Church were real disciples of the Lord Jesus, there would be no need for this discussion. But we can never know who counts in the Church until we know the real nature of the Ch., and the comprehensive work that she has to do. So the better acquainted we are with the many legitimate forms of Church work, the more members we shall find who count or who are worth while. Our subject is

Church Members Who Count. We observe:-

- 1-That Church members count who are citizens in the Kingdom of God. They know a) The Church's Founder. b) Church history. c) The Church's obligation to the world.
- 2-That Church members count who praise and make much of the Church's virtues, but refuse to advertise her defects and imperfections.
- 3-That Church members count who cooperate with their brethren in all constructive movements.

Let us keep in ^{mind} always that those members count who keep in right relation with the great Head of the Church, Christ Jesus our Lord and Master.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 19 '22

Rom. 12:F.C.3
Phil. 2:5-11

A.M.E
Ch.

For I say , through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The mind is the greatest piece of machinery in all the world. And the achievements or the disasters of all other machinery depend upon the mind. When the mind is in proper condition, then we have skill, ingenuity, and ability; if it is not in proper condition then, we have imbecility, insanity and disaster.

Most men guard with far greater care every other piece of machinery with which they have to do than they do the mind. They must know the make of the watch they carry, and the auto they drive. But when it comes to the mind, too few men seek the best. It is a common thing to meet men who are satisfied with the mind of some Oriental prophet or ancient philosopher. Let us observe that thinking too highly:-

- 1-Unfits one for legitimate service.
- 2-Impedes progress and makes advancement impossible.
- 3-Deprives one of his comfort and pleasure.
- 4-Makes it impossible for a man properly to estimate his fellows.

Let us endeavor to keep in possession of the right mind so that we may be able at all times to think as we should about ourselves and about our fellow men.

.....Amen.....

Feb. 26-27 Luke 16: 19-31 ✓

In every age, among all peoples there has always been something especially attractive about rich people. But men have always been attractive, not only when they have been rich in material substance, but also when they have been rich in knowledge, in morality and spirituality. The man who is rich in these qualities is under just as great an obligation to his fellow men as is the man who is rich in material substance. And there has never been a rich man nor a group of ^{rich} men nor a people or nation, but that there has been a poor man, a poor community, a poor nation. Hence and whenever there

Luke 16: 19-31 ✓

has been a Dives, there has
also been a Lazarus.

Let us observe; -

1st That these two men are types.

2nd That one is a type of Ma-
terial Wealth,

a) Carnal Knowledge. b) Busi-
ness opportunity. c) Social
position.

3rd That the other is a type
of those who are rich
in a) Grace - faith b)
in Love. c) Spiritual
Knowledge.

Let us each of us seek
earnestly to know the
things God would have
us do that we may prove
ourselves rich in the
grace and good works
— Amen —

March 5 '22

I Cor. 15:58
PS. 37:P.C.7

V

Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

Work is the most honorable activity in which one can engage; and the most legitimate way in which one can pass his life here. But the kind of work in which one engages must determine the character and the value of the results; and the person for whom one works will always have much to do with the kind of work that one does, and the amount of rest that he will have when his task is done. Some people work for those and at the kind of work from which they never rest. And there are others for whom one may work and kinds of work from which recreation, vacation and rest are always certain. We are to discuss at this time,

Work and Rest. Let us observe:-

- 1- That the one for whom we are asked to work is engaged in a business that is the most comprehensive and should appeal to every one.
- 2- That the work in which we are asked to engage is a continuous work, we may have some thing to do always.
- 3- That the work in which we are asked to engage demands all and the best that we have in us.
- 4- That we rest at the expense of the one for whom we work.
- 5 That the one for whom we work not only bears the expense for, but provides the rest also.

May each of us hear the Master calling us from our idle dreaming into a service that will bless all mankind, and will glorify our Father who art in heaven.

-----Amen-----

March 5 '22

Rom. 12:L.C.2
I Thes. 4:3

M

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication.

There is an old latin saying: vox populi vox Dei, the voice of the people is the voice of God. And because that idea, among many, seems so prevalent today, it makes the humble, conscientious servant of the Lord anxious to know the will of God. Indeed where there are so many dogmas, creeds and doctrines, to know the will of God, becomes the great problem for his people. Hence our subject:

The Christian's Great Problem.

As in secular life, so in spiritual life: there are certain words and phrases that may be regarded key words and key phrases. Two such words are used in our text to day. One is Sanctification, which represents and includes all that is good in christian manhood; the other word is Fornication, which represents and includes all that is bad and irregular in christian life.

No creature has a life so complex as man. His life branches out in a thousand different directions at the same time. For he is physical, mental and spiritual. And each phase of life has its desires, appetites, and emotions. Now the word of God does not attempt to legislate for and regulate each one of these in particular. But to the christian the word speaks in the language of our text.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That we must know the will of God, if we would teach what is right.
- 2-That we must know the will of God in order to legislate properly in his Kingdom.
- 3-That we must know the will of God if we would render acceptable service in his Kingdom.

Let us use every means possible, in order to know the will of God. And knowing it may we do it.

-----Amen-----

Colonel Young's Memorial Service
March 12 th 1922

M. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: in the activities of civilized men there are many avenues that lead to success, fame and greatness. But none of them are crowded with travellers. At the entrance of each Ave. stands a sentinel, who tells every one who would enter that there are certain qualifications that he must have if he would go on to success fame and greatness. The sentinel tells him that he must be:-

1-Earnest

2-Honest

3-Enthusiastic

4-Courageous

5-Persevering

When Col. Young entered the avenue that leads to military success, fame and greatness he was questioned by the sentinel, and he was found to possess in a large sense every one of the above qualities and many others. Hence the honor that all America, civil and military is giving to his memory to day.

Whatever Ave. we may have entered may we learn from him how to succeed, how to achieve fame and greatness.

Mar. 12 '22

II Peter 1:5-7

M

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self control; and to self control patience; and to patience piety, godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love.

For a long time, most men pass over these qualities, in their search after superiority. They think superiority is reached through artificial means. Hence men walk by sight and work by power. Our subject is

The Things That Make Men Superior

Let us consider the the eight qualities named here in our text:-

- 1-Faith. For both secular and spiritual superiority, faith is the basic quality. a) Faith in God. b) Faith in God's provision. c) Faith in himself. d) Faith in his fellow men.
- 2-Virtue. This next great quality, strength of character, honesty makes a man superior in dealing with his fellow men.
- 3-Knowledge. a) Of oneself. b) Of God. c) Of the universe, secular and spiritual, makes man superior.
- 4-Temperance or Self control makes man superior.
- 5-Patience. a) In labor. b) In suffering. c) Under insult makes man superior.
- 6-Piety-Godliness, which thinks God's thoughts; seeks God's way, and time. Makes man superior.
- 7-Brotherly kindness, which practices the golden rule. makes man superior.
- 8-Love-charity, which reaches out to all mankind, that part that is brotherly and that part that is not brotherly; that part that is lovable and that part that is not lovable.

Let us all, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to be superior in God's sight.

-----Amen-----

March 19-'22 Rom. 14:12 pc

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

For Convenience and mutual profit, men holding similar views gather themselves in groups; so that those on the outside of the group getting the ideas and opinions of one member, get substantially the ideas and opinions of the entire group. But fortunately, God does not deal with men in groups, but as individuals. Hence the words of our text. The thought for our consideration at this time is:-

The Ways in Which He May Express Our Religion. Let us observe:

He may express our Religion:-

- 1st In a Spiritual way.
- 2nd In a Personal way.
- 3rd In a Social way.
- 4th In an Emotional way.
- 5th In an Industrial way.
- 6th In an Intellectual way.

Let us all line up to our privilege and have the Holy Spirit teach us how properly to express our religion.

Mar. 26 '22

John 6:12

M

When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

This command of the Master is applicable to any people, at any time and in any place. But it is especially applicable to a people who have an abundance of time and a land of plenty and in a time of prosperity. For with such a people, at such a time, there is usually an inclination to waste and extravagance. The great variety of odds and ends that we have in life makes it possible for every one of us to make good use of them. We have odds and ends in Time, Talent, Money and Influence. So if we lack one we may have the others. Our topic is:

How To Use Odds And Ends In Christian Service:-Let

us observe,

- 1-That in order to make the best use of odds and ends, we must conserve-save them
- 2-That in order to make the best use of odds and ends, we must recognize them as a part of the whole to which they belong.
- 3-That in order to make the best use of odds and ends we must associate them with the whole to which they belong.
- 4-That in order to make the best use of odds and ends we must survey the field and find out where they may be used to the best advantage.

Let none of us ever say again that we are poor and unable to do our part in the world's great activities. May we always remember that God can take what little we may have and make it great for his service.

-----Amen-----

Mar. 26 '22

Gal. 5:1

V

Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The prosperity of this or any other country depends upon the value she attaches to the liberty secured to us by her fathers. The early statemen of this country made laws and warned the people against the dangers of foreign entanglements, and injustices. The departure of this country from the principles of justice, uprightness and honesty has made her a backsliding nation. And so in christian life, its foundation is liberty, freedom from old alliances. whenever a man becomes entangled with the old yokes of bondage he begins to backslide.

Christianity is the only religion that warns its followers against backsliding. It is evident therefore that the christian man occupies a peculiar, unique position; and he has rules that enable him, with certainty to determine his standing in religious life. The question that we wish to answer is

Why Do Men Backslide? Let us observe, that men backslide because they fail:-

- 1-To put the proper estimate upon God's work.
- 2-To make the proper investment in God's work.
- 3-To abound in the work of the Lord.
- 4-To associate properly with God's people
- 5-To make the proper use of the Word of God.

Let us all remember that God is able and willing to make us stand, if we comply with the conditions that he has laid down.

May we count it a privilege always to abound in the work of the Lord.

-----Amen-----

Apr. 2 '22

Matt. 7:7

M

Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

These words are very significant; each of them is a key which helps to unlock the combination to God's great safe. Only those who understand the mysteries of the Kingdom can use these keys successfully. Then those who use them successfully must know above every thing else the art of prayer. Let observe the significance of these three words:-

1-Asking implies, a) Recognition of ownership, Power, Authority. b) Desire to obtain that for which we ask. c) Hope and expectation to obtain that for which we ask.

2-Seeking implies, a) Preparation for the task. b) Separation for the task. c) Determination to find that which we desire. d) Faith to believe that we shall find that which we desire. e) Labor to find that which we desire.

3-Knocking implies, a) Appropriation of the means that have been placed at our disposal for opening God's great safe. b) Use of the means that have been placed at our disposal for opening God's great safe c) Knowledge of the door at which we must knock.

May we count ourselves fortunate in that we have been judged worthy to be entrusted with the combination to God's great safe.

Let us never be selfish in the use of the contents of God's great safe. But may we seek to all mankind enjoy its blessings.

-----Amen-----

Apr. 2 '22

V

TEXTS

Luke 7:9 ~~Centurion~~

" 17:17, 18, 19 Samaritan

" 19:1-10 Zacchaeus

Mark 7:25-30 Syrophenician
Woman

April 9 '22

Mark 2:1-12

M

Hundreds and hundreds of years have passed since Hipocrates discovered the science of medicine. And wonderful improvements have been made in the medical profession. Retreats, health resorts, hospitals, and sanitariums have been multiplied in every civilized country upon the face of the earth. New remedies with out number have been discovered, which are supposed to cure all manner of disease and sickness. And yet, in all of our passing, the most unusual person to meet is a perfectly well man. Most every one of us is acquainted with, if not related to some one who is suffering daily under the torture disease; and daily we are trying to think of some thing or place that may give them releif. Often we take long journeys to tell our afflicted friends about the merits of some new discovery, which we have seen or about which we have learned. You will find in many of the automobiles that you pass upon the high ways; and on the trains upon which you ride many persons who are sick and helpless and are being carried to some hospital or sanitarium. These are all concerned very largely with the symptoms of disease; but it is not customary for people to go to the foundation of the troubles. Hence the great cause and the great remedy for disease are almost entirely lost sight of. Our subject is:

Taking Our Friends To The Great Sanitarium

Let us observe, that the greatness of a sanitarium depends upon:-

- 1-Its founder
- 2-Those who have charge of it.
- 3-The work it does.
- 4-The testamony of those who have been helped-cured.
- 5-That we do not take our friends to the great sanitarium until we know the danger in which they are.
- 6-That we often must do team work in taking our friend to the great sanitarium.
- 7-That to get our friends to the great sanitarium often requires great personal sacrifice.
- 8-That the great sanitarium treats every kind of disease.

Let us remember, the great Physician is in his great sanitarium, and invites all to come and be healed.

-----Amen-----

April 16 '22

Col. 3:1,2

M

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The resurrection of Christ is the most significant fact in history. There are several great outstanding acts in the work of our redemption. The resurrection, the one next to the last was the act which makes all the other redemptive acts significant and valuable.

The resurrection was not a feat in the ordinary sense of the term. It was more than a feat, an achievement; was simply a part of the divine program in connection with the earthly career of Jesus; it was a part of him. Indeed Christ and the resurrection were identical, he said I am the resurrection and the life.

If Christ's death accomplished for us that ^{which} God intended it to accomplish, then his resurrection will have a special, personal meaning to us. For when he died he died for and when he rose he rose for us. The lenten season has been a time of self examination and preparation, when we have tried to know the fellowship of his sufferings, and to conform unto his death so that we might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Let us observe from our text:-

- 1-The road to the resurrection.
a) Study. b) Labor. c) Suffering. d) Death.
- 2-The power of the resurrection.
a) Life. b) Love. c) Light. d) Right-Truth.
- 3-The achievement of the resurrection. It gives a lofty, honorable dignified position to Jesus and his followers, at the right hand of God.
- 4-The demands of the resurrection; that those who share its benefits have the right attitude towards things above and towards things on earth.

Let us rejoice in the benefits that Jesus has secured to us in his resurrection.

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-----Amen-----

Apr. 23-'22 II Peter 3: 18 pc

The unchanging law of investment
is increase growth - dividends.
Upon this basis God has the right
to demand of men growth. And
of his people a special kind of
growth. God's people are required
to grow:-

1st In favor with God and his
Kingdom.

2nd In favor with man and
Cause of man.

3rd In Knowledge.

This growth comes as a re-
sult:-

1st Of obedience to law

2nd Of Submission to helpful
forces.

— Amen —

Apr. 23-'22 Romans 12: 3 V

An income is what we receive in return for labor done or an investment made. But some times our largest income is an inheritance. For this we have neither labored nor invested.

But incomes are not all the same. They usually come according to one's capacity, and according to one's need. Our subj is Living On the Limits of Our Spiritual Income. When we live within the limits of our spiritual income we:-

- 1st Recognize the importance of personally in Christian service.
 - 2nd Cooperate to best advantage, with our brethren.
 - 3rd Are saved from the misjudgement of our fellow-laborers.
- Let us learn through the teaching of the Holy Spirit what our gift or gifts are and use them to the glory of God.

— Amen —

April 30 '22

Psalm 90:F.C.17

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Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:

To be beautiful is a legitimate ambition for any body. So it becomes the business of every one with such ambition to find out from some standard authority just what beauty is, and of what it consists; how it may be obtained and retained. This procedure would cause many to change their ideas of and methods of obtaining beauty. Beauty may be and is applied in many ways, and by many operators. And the person seeking beauty, usually goes willingly to the operator and submits to him. Hence we have the barber, tailor, hatter, milliner, and face culturist. These all have to do with the body. But there are those who work with equal ardor and zeal to beautify the mind. So young men and young women go off to schools of art, letters, music etc. But real beauty is beauty of heart, soul, spirit; and can not be obtained by any one nor by all the processes just named combined. We must find a new place and a new process. Hence, under the direction of the Holy Spirit we go into God's Beauty Parlor and plead in the language of our text. Let us observe:-

- 1-The location of God's beauty parlor.
- 2-The purpose of God's beauty parlor.
- 3-The operators in God's beauty parlor.
- 4-The remedy used in God's beauty parlor.
- 5-The method used in God's beauty parlor.
- 6-The duration of the treatment received in God's beauty parlor.

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Let us make good use of the means that God has made for the beautifying of our souls, and resort freely to him and ask him for that which we need.

.....Amen.....

May 7 '22

Phil. 2:7

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He made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

In his death Jesus becomes the propitiation for our sins, our atonement. But in his life and words and example he is our great Teacher. Become as wise and intelligent as possible in the laws and rules of the world's greatest sages and philosophers; make your culture and refinement the best that the world can afford, and still, if we are to take the testimony of every people and nation under the sun, you are not prepared to live the best and most profitable life among your fellow-men. No man is finished and prepared to live as God would have him until he has been with Jesus and learned of him.

For any one who would live a life pleasing to God his greatest need is to know Jesus, to know him as he reveals himself to us in his life and work and word. When you think of how many have lived and of how many still live as they endeavor to be like our Lord, you will readily see how necessary it is for men to know Jesus in his true character. We shall take for our thought at this time:

The Simplicity Of Jesus. Let us observe that Jesus was simple:-

- 1²-In his birth, his parents and place of birth were poor and lowly.
- 2-In his education, it was social, political, industrial and religious.
- 3-In his life, his food, dress, place of abode, and associates were all simple
- 4-In his labor, he did ordinary things, he did practical-useful things, he cooperated in his labors.
- 5-In his suffering, he sought no human aid, he was never excited but always calm.

May we learn from Jesus how to live the simple life

.....Amen.....

May 11-'22 LK. 12: L.C. 7 Fshp. Ch.

Most men undervalue themselves. They allow themselves to stop in and to be estimated according to carnal, secular standards which are always artificial. According to these standards many a man has been thrown upon the junk heap of society. They have measured themselves by the intellectual, rich or popular man, and have accordingly decided that they were not of much, if any value to their fellow men. Hence many have committed moral and spiritual suicide. To rise above this condition only when we know man's value to God. So our thought at this time is

Man's Value To God
Let us observe that man's value to God is seen

1st In the way in which he is made In the image of God.

2nd In the task that has been assigned him.

3rd In the provision that has been made here for him.

4th In the provision that has been made for him in the world beyond.

5th In what it has cost to render him safe and secure.

Let us respond to the promptings of the spirit and lift up with Jesus so that we may become of greater value — Amen

May 21 '22

John 1:14

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And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and glory.

There are many terms used to describe our Lord. But I think there is none more significant and carries with it a greater meaning than the one used here in our text. The word of any one is the means by which he expresses his thought, his ideas, his plan, his purpose. So our Lord reveals to ^{us} God's thought, makes known to us his ideas, his plan and his purpose. All this he does by becoming human. Jesus could never have revealed God to us if he had not become human. And so his great truth known to us as Christianity, makes known to the world God's plan and purpose for man only as it becomes like man. Hence our subj. Humanizing Christianity. Let us observe:-

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- 1-That Christianity, in its true form when it is humanized or applied to the needs of humanity.
- 2-That Christianity is understood only in so far as it is humanized or applied to the needs of humanity.
- 3-That Christianity is profitable to the world only in so far as it is humanized.
- 4-That Christianity is workable only in so far as it is humanized or applied to the needs of humanity.
- 5-That the glory of Christianity is not revealed until it is humanized or applied to the needs of humanity.

May we always remember that Jesus set the standard for us when he became flesh, when he became human. Let us endeavor to make the Christianity that we possess so human that the world shall always understand and appreciate its true worth.

.....Amen.....

May 21 '22

I Cor. 16:13

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- Jude F.C. 21

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Keep yourselves in the love of God.

To keep fit for the duties of life in this world is no small task. There are many rules and laws to which we must be giving constant attention. Life is an intricate piece of machinery, and we must keep constant watch over every part of it if we would be strong and vigorous and able to take our place in the great activities of life.

We have planned to speak on the subject,

Keeping Fit Let us observe:-

- 1-That we are servants, in the home, state, Church
We must keep fit according to well established standards, so that you may be fit for the best.
- 2-That we are citizens with great privileges and great opportunities.
- 3-That great standards have been set up for us by those who know our capabilities.
- 4-That we are called to labor not alone, but with those who have proved themselves worthy and able.

Let us keep fit for the service that we are called by our God and our fellow men to render in this old world.

..... Amen.....

May 28 '22

Jno. 15: L.C.5 N.A.A.C.P.
Phil. 4:13

Without me ye can do nothing. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Every form of life has its central force or source of power. For this planet upon which we live, the sun is the central force or power. The sun says to every living thing, all grass and trees cattle and sheep to the beast of the forest and to man, without me you can do nothing. And I hear all answering back, with thy strength we can do all things.

Now as the sun is the central force, the source of power in the physical world even so is the Son the central force, the source of power in the moral, and spiritual world.

The history of man reveals the fact that his life has been one continuous struggle. He had to struggle to rid himself of the bondage of savagery and barbarism. Only by the greatest effort has he emerged from the thralldom of his primitive state. His present stage of civilization is the result of much sacrifice and hard work. He has made new discoveries, explored new, unknown regions; his inventions have been without number; his literature has covered every subject that concerns the human race; he has founded great governments, and built great cities; he has to his credit great art galleries, conservatories, museums and libraries. Every thing possible for man to achieve seems to have been achieved by him. And yet Jesus makes this almost startling statement, Without me you can do nothing. And the chief Apostle practically confirms the master's statement when he says, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

With this history of man's achievements before us we must either repudiate the words of our text or get a new standard by which to estimate the value of man's achievements. The Master helps us out so that we shall not find it necessary to repudiate the words of our text. For he asks this question, What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and to lose his own soul? Again he says, Life is more than meat, and that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Our thought at this time is,

Christ In Our Social Life. Let us observe:-

- 1-That Christ in our social life simplifies it.
 - a)He destroys the artificial lines of race and in himself makes one great composit race.
 - b)He gives one simple essential standard of knowledge, know God and himself.
 - c)He gives one simple rule of love, love the Lord thy God with all thy heart soul mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself
 - d)Temporal riches have no superior^{Place} in the social^{life} into which Jesus is permitted to enter and simplify.
- 2-That Christ in our social life purifies it.
 - a)By making it unselfish.
 - b)By making it more serious.
 - c)By making it more useful and helpful in its activities.
- 3-That Christ in the social life vitalizes it.
 - a)He gives new thoughts, high and lofty.
 - b)He gives new motives.
 - c)He gives new aims.
- 4-That Christ in the social life dignifies it.
 - a)He gets for it God's recognition and approval.
 - b)He makes it appeal to the best in men.

Let us accept the place God gives us in the social life of this age and seek earnestly to keep Christ always among us and before us. May we always realize that God sent his son to be our guide in all things essential.

.....Amen.....

May 28 '22

Gal 6:7

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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

The truth presented here in our text is both depressing and comforting. When we think of the evil that so many are sowing it is depressing, but when we think of the good, that men, all over the world, are sowing it is comforting.

In the physical moral and spiritual world sowing and reaping are in rapid succession. Almost at the same time a man begins to sow he begins to reap. The harvest may not be so large at the first; but it increases as the time passes.

In order for a man to know what and where to sow he must be trained. He must learn to distinguish between the good and the bad, the real and the unreal. In the beginning of life there is a very little difference in the appearance of what you sow, the difference grows greater and greater as the years go by.

Let us consider at this time the subject,

Sowing And Reaping. Let us observe that the character of our reaping depends upon:-

- 1-What we sow. a)Thoughts. b)Words. c)Acts.
- 2-When we sow. a)Childhood. b)Young manhood. c)Old age.
- 3-Where we sow. a)Body. b)Mind. c)Spirit.
- 4-How we sow. a)Regularly. b)Intelligently. c)Hopefully.
- 5-For whom we sow. a)Self. b)Fellow men. c)God
- 6-With whom we sow. a)The good and wise. b)The bad and vulgar.
- 7-The way we protect that which we have sown.
a)Protect it from the enemy. b)Give it proper and plenty food.

May we all remember that we have the great Sower to guide us in our sowing so that our harvest may be good

..... Amen.....

Amen

May 28 '22

PS. 26:F.C.2
I Thes. 5:21

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Examine me, O Lord, and prove me. Prove all things;
hold fast that which is good.

There is constant need of our being examined by
experts, so that we may know just where and just
how we are.

To get thoroughly acquainted with ourselves is
one of our greatest needs.

Getting Acquainted With Oneself

Let us observe:-

- 1- That we may know our weakness.
- 2- That we may know Strength.
- 3- That we may know our courage.
- 4- That we may know our love.

Let us place ourselves in the position where God
can examine us and prove us. Then let us prove all
things and hold fast to that which is good.

.....Amen.....

June 4 '22

I Thes. 5:17

V

Pray without ceasing.

The meaning and value of the impulses and activities of life depend very much upon definition. Hence your quiet serious demeanor to one means a retiring, nonsociable, selfish, disposition; to another it means conceit, bigotry, a superior notion of self; but to still another it has an entirely different meaning, it means meditation, communion with God prayer. And so in the estimation of men, whether you pray or not depends upon their interpretation of your demeanor.

Prayer is the cry of the human heart, the expression of the soul prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the medium by which man speaks to God and by which God speaks to man. It is the button that man may, by faith, touch and stop or start the machinery of heaven. Prayer provides the only way by which man can keep in touch with God. It was never intended to be used simply as a means by which to ask and thank God for things. But also as a means to keep us in proper physical, mental and spiritual condition. And so often the particular object that we are prompted to seek in prayer is secondary and is often withheld, while our great primary need is generously supplied.

Our thought at this time is

Unanswered Prayer. And Why? We observe that answers to prayer is often hindered by:-

- 1-Ignorance. a)Of men. b)Of conditions. c)Of God.
- 2-Selfishness, Carnal ambition.
- 3-Insincerity, Formality.
- 4-Irregularity, lack of system, carelessness.

May we always keep in mind the meaning of prayer and what God intends that we should accomplish through prayer: strength, courage and determination.

.....Amen.....

June 11 '22

Zech. 11:2

V

Foresters

Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

As Masonry and many other fraternal orders so Forestry is of two kinds, operative and speculative. We get an intelligent idea of speculative Forestry, only as we know something of operative Forestry.

Just what particular object was in the mind of the originator of speculative Forestry we are not now prepared to say. But we are certain that some good noble purpose for the benefit and advancement of the human race was in mind. And during all the years of ~~its~~^{the} existence ^{of} the Order its members have not lost sight of this noble purpose.

In our text the writer is describing the destruction of Jerusalem, and personifies the cedar, fir, and oaks, trees of the forest; and calls upon them to howl because in their destruction the protection of the holy city was taken away.

In all ages forestry has been one of the great industries of the world. Great books have been written, and volums of legislation have been enacted in its interest.

The great business of the forest is to protect the innocent defenceless, and to supply the needs of the dependent helpless.

We shall consider the Forester as:-

1-A friend.

2-A protector.

3-A provider.

May we fully appreciate the responsibility that rests upon us as men who are being supplied continually from above. May we always make good use of our time and energies.

.....Amen.....

June 11 '22

Rom. 12:15

M

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

To become all things to all people has two aspects. Men may do it because they are selfish and wish to increase their chances for success and happiness, or they may deny themselves, make sacrifices and become all things to all men that they may win them and do them good. The rejoicing of a christian is always intelligent and helpful; it is never empty and superficial. And too the weeping of the christian is never as the weeping of the world. Its is to strengthen and to build up, not to cause despair and hopelessness.

The subject for our thought at this time is,

Our Need Of True Fellowship. We observe, that true fellowship is :-

- 1-Christian and can be entered into only by christians.
- 2-Intelligent. It is based upon reason and good judgement.
- 3-Unselfish. It seeks the good of all.
- 4-Helpful. It is not for simple enjoyment and pleasure.
- 5-Hopeful. It is built upon faith in God and man.
- 6-Lasting. It is not destroyed by adverse circumstances.

Let us seek always the true fellowship that has our Lord for its center. May we realize that this is the only friendship that is helpful and lasting.

.....Amen.....

June 18-'22 II Sam. 22:20 pe

He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Most of us feel that at best, in this old world, we are hampered, and kept from doing the things that we wish to do.

Let us observe:—

1st That God brings every one into a large place of opportunity.

2nd That God brings all in whom he delights into a large place of service and sacrifice.

3rd That God brings us into a large place for training and discipline.

May we always make much of the great fact that God has brought us into a large place where we may render his praise and good service.

— Amen —

June 25 '22

John 7:35

M

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that beleiveth on me shall never thirst.

I think most of us realize, that our greatest need is spiritula life; and yet too many of us concern ourselves most with physical life and its demands. We go into desert, mine and mountain in search of the food that appeases the physical hunger and for the drink that quenches the physical thirst. But not very many are willing to go just around the corner to attend to our spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst. We feel justified in spending large sums of money upon our physical needs; but we are too often satisfied to spend just a pittance upon our spiritual needs.

Let us learn from our text:-

1-That as bread represents the supply for every human need, so Jesus represents the supply for every spiritual need.

2-That whosoever comes to Jesus always has perfect knowledge of every human need.

3-That he that beleiveth on Jesus learns how to meet every human need.

Let us keep in mind that our physical depend in large measure upon our mental condition; and our mental condition is greatly influenced by those with whom we associate.

Jesus leads the way to success and plenty for every one who follows him.

.....Amen.....

June 25 '22

Gen. 1:3
Jno. 8:Pt.12

Masonic 2:30 P.M.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light
I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me
shall not walk in darkness.

Gentlemen of the Empire Lodge of A. F. A. Masons
personally, and on behalf of the Officers and members
of this Church, I welcome you to our house of worship
I ask you for no credentials of your standing in the
brotherhood of the order of A.F.M. of the world. For
records show that your standing has been certified
to authority higher and more reliable than any found
in the ordinary circles of men.

I shall not attempt, the brief time that I shall
speak this after noon, to go into the details and
particulars of the history of your Order. That may
be better studied in the quiet of the library or home
I shall aim to appeal to your heart rather than sim-
ply to your brain. For after all it the heart that
must determine a man's real standing and worth among
his fellows. So we are exhorted out of this Book to
keep the heart with all dilligence, for out of it are
the issues of life. thing

About the first, that men, who are doing con-
structive work, seek is light. Light not only illum-
ins, but it gives life and power.

Let us observe:-

- 1-That light is the common inheritance of all men
a) Natural Light. b) Intellectual Light. c) Spiriuual
Light.
- 2-Men must organize and study in order to come into
possession of their inheritance. a) Socially.
b) Financially. c) Fraternally.
- 3-That men who have received the light are under ob-
ligation to propagate or pass it on to those who
are in darkness. a) Moral darkness. b) Industrial
darkness. c) Political darkness. d) Intellectual
darkness. e) Spiritual darkness.

May each member of this Lodge be a great serch in
the darkness of this old world. Make use of every
means placed at your disposal, so that in every sense
of the word you may be the light of the world.

.....Amen.....

July 2 '22

PS. 90: L. C. 9

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Luke 17: 10

We spend our years as a tale that is told. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all of those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

This statement of the Psalmist and suggestion of our Lord sum up the life of us all. Most men who are worth while have striven hard to be profitable to their own generation and to those who come after them. And yet what most men do in this life, so far as material things are concerned is soon forgotten, becomes antiquated and obsolete. Any service that we render, that is to last and profitable, must be service of mind and spirit. Our material structures, however elaborate and gorgeous they may be are hardly completed when they begin to decay. Our Lord built no great cathedral; he was not concerned about material monuments as expressions of his greatness and worth. He sought to establish principles that for all time would enable men to solve the great moral and spiritual problems of life.

So the value that we have been to the world during the 30 years that have just passed must be determined by the amount of moral and spiritual service that we have rendered to our fellow men.

Our Thirty Years Task. We observe:-

- 1- It has been a great task.
- 2- It has been a hard task.
- 3- It has been an inspiring task.
- 4- It has been a pleasant task.
- 5- It has been a profitable task.

Let us rejoice over whatever there has been that is worth while in our life and activity during the 30 years that have just passed.

.....Amen.....

July 9 '22

II Sam. 12:7, 13, 14.

M

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shalt surely die.

it Our text presents to us an interesting picture. In are four important characters, God, a King, a Prophet and a Baby. God is Just, but merciful; the King is wise and powerful, but a sinner; the Prophet is humble and loving, but courageous and obedient; the Baby is good and innocent, but an heir to the sin of its father.

Let us learn from our text:-

- 1-That a man with a message from God is always determined and courageous, and carries it to those to whom it is sent.
- 2-That when a true servant of God is conscious of sin and transgression he is always humble and penitent.
- 3-God is always kind and loving to the penitent and takes away his burden of sin.
- 4-That parents always bequeath to their children life or death, according to the way they obey or disobey the law of God.

Let us remember that God has given to us a law by^{which} to be governed in our attitude towards our fellow men, and if we would be happy and at ease we must always observe this law.

.....Amen.....

July 23 '22

Psalms 107:29

M

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Many and various things make the sea of life over which we are sailing, at times, rough and tempestuous. Every one starting out upon the voyage of life should prepare for stormy days and learn how to meet the waves and billows that beat upon your little barque. Our sea of life is roughest and most tempestuous when we forget that God is the source of power and authority. We have, some times days weeks months and years of storm and waves and billows because we are not willing to release the helm and let the great Pilot guide us out of the breakers into peace and calm.

Let us learn:-

- 1-That storm upon the sea of life arises out of a) Doubt. b) Fear. c) Discouragement. d) Hopelessness.
- 2-That storm upon the sea of life makes men a) Suspicious. b) Faithless. c) Disagreeable.
- 3-That when God is given his proper place in our a) Economic life. b) Social life. c) Religious life, the sea over which we are sailing will be calm.
- 4-That the time to make progress on towards our destination is when the sea of life is calm.

May we who are citizens in the Kingdom of God always remember that God is willing to take the helm of our little barque and guide us through the breakers into the haven of rest that remains to the people of God.

.....Amen.....

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The Word of God, the Bible when used properly convicts us of sin, and reveals to us the way of life. No man woman or child can receive the Word of God and remain a sinner. The Word of God is sharper than any two edged sword and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. When any one receives the Word of God in a pure heart he becomes a child of God; and is never satisfied until he becomes identified with the people of God. Hence, as in the early days of the Church so now, they that gladly receive the Word and believe seek admission, through baptism, into the Church.

To view any task intelligently we must consider three elements, the workman, the instrument and the results. Our text reveals a great task, the extension of the Kingdom of God, the building up of the Church. The workman that is presented to us is a man, a servant of God, called to be an apostle, and the result is the conversion of a great multitude of people.

Let us learn from our text:-

- 1-That the Word of God is what every person needs and must have to prepare him for baptism.
- 2-That the Word of God must be presented in the right way, by the right person, in order to prepare one for baptism.
- 3-That the Word of God must be received gladly in order to prepare one for baptism.

Let us seek to know the Word of God in such a way as to make us successful as we try to teach it to our fellow men. And may we have the joy of seeing them gladly receive the Word and being baptized.

.....Amen.....

The Church As A Social Agency

The Church is a spiritual organization required to look after and care for all the needs of man. It is not out of place therefore to ask the questions:—

- 1st Whom is the Church under obligation to serve?
- 2nd What is the Church under obligation to serve?
- 3rd At what times is the Church under obligation to serve?
- 4th How shall the Church obtain those whom she is under obligation to serve?
- 5th With what agencies should the Church cooperate in her service?

Aug. 6 '22

II Cor. 4:7

M

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Of all creatures man is the greatest. And therefore his needs are greatest and of greatest variety. He is at once a citizen in many kingdoms, in all of which he has great and large interests. He fills his storehouse with the wealth from every field. In every realm God has provided rich treasure for him. But the greatest of all is the treasure of the gospel, which he has hid in the Kingdom of God, for every one who will search for it. Our thought at this time is **THE WORLD'S GREATEST TREASURE**

AND HOW OBTAINED

Let us observe:-

- 1-What the gospel is. a) Good news concerning Sin, and Death. b) Good news concerning Righteousness, and Life. c) Good news concerning Labor, Home, and Rest.
- 2-That the gospel is from God, and therefore is a Treasure. It is rich a) In Wisdom, Knowledge and Truth. b) In Love, Kindness and Mercy. c) In Faith, Hope and Joy.
- 3-That the gospel is a treasure, because it is about the world's greatest Benefactor. He gave his all.
- 4-That the gospel is a treasure, because it is for those who are poor. He gave himself that we might be made rich.
- 5-That God's means and method of conveying this treasure of the gospel to the world are unique, but most successful. Earthen vessels under the power of God.

May we all realize that the gospel-the world's greatest treasure is for every one of us, and that it behoves us to comply with the conditions that secures it to us.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 6 '22

Rom. 12:L.C.9

V

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

It seems much easier, some times to use our time energies, and talents according to our own liking than to use them according to God's law and commands. Too many people who wish to be numbered among the good and upright regard evil too lightly and compromise with sin. There are those who are too good to do a bad thing, but are not ~~strong~~ enough to do a good thing. We can never get a good hold upon the good so long as we are neutral towards evil. Our text calls us to abhor that which is evil and to cleave to that which is good.

Let us observe that to abhor that which is evil and to cleave to that which is good means:-

- 1-To keep away from evil associations; to refrain^{from} evil conversation.
- 2-To have nothing to do with questionable business.
- 3-To select with care recreation and amusements.
- 4-To cleave to the good means to be identified with the good and upright.
- 5-To work for the good and upright.

As it is our privilege, let us abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 13 '22

Matt. 5:6

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Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

Hunger and thirst are natural emotions, sensations; and are experienced by every man who is normal. God who has given us these emotions, sensations has at the same time made provision for their legitimate satisfaction. But man must be trained to know what the provision is and where it is to be found, and how it is to be obtained; else he will appease his hunger and quench his thirst with inferior substances; and of course get inferior results. The untrained man may hunger for reptiles and insects, and feed upon swine's food; he may quench his thirst, or rather he may try to quench his thirst with that which intoxicates and poisons his system.

Hunger may be a blessing or a curse, and thirst may be a means of life or a means of death. All depends upon the way we seek to satisfy these emotions. But if a man finds himself entirely void of these natural emotions he has good reason to be alarmed and should use every means possible to regain them.

Let us observe:-

1-The Value of Hunger and Thirst. These emotions a) Keep us intelligent as to our real condition. b) Make us properly appreciate the provisions that have been made for us. c) Make us more sympathetic with our fellow men as they struggle and strive for the right.

2-The Provision that has been made for the satisfying of these emotions. The Provision is a) Ample. b) Of great variety. c) Obtainable.

3-The Legitimate Results Of Appeasing Hunger and Quenching Thirst are a) Greater strength. b) More Courage and Valor. c) Greater Usefulness.

Let us seek to satisfy our every hunger and thirst according to God's plan and provision, that we may get the results that are pleasing to him.

.....Amen.....

Aug. 20 '22

Luke 5:11

V

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Life, and especially carnal life is like a great sea; upon it are multitudes of all kinds of people struggling for material possessions. As a rule they have no place for the Christ or the christian spirit. But once in a while some do make room for him to come into their life. And where he is allowed to enter life takes on an entirely new appearance many things that used to attract lose their charm, and things that were uninteresting become attractive. To let Christ into our life may, and usually does mean the changing of the entire life.

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST:-

- 1-Gives us a new view of ourselves; we become his servants and coworkers.
- 2-Gives us a new view of the world; it is not an end in itself, but is only incidental.
- 3-Gives us a new view of Christ himself. He at once becomes the one worthy of our allegiance.

May we ever delight to have him come into our lives.

May we allow him to so direct our lives that we

may be instruments in his hand to do his will.

.....Amen.....

August 27 '22

Rom. 6:4

B

V

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.

No one can enjoy the fulness of Christ's life until he has shared the bitterness and pain of his death. This we do when we accept the merits of his death by repentance and faith. And we show that we have repented and that we have faith by being emersed in the likeness of our Lord. Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father. And by this same glory we are to walk in newness of life. The glory of the Father are his power and authority. If we can only feel that he will direct us so that we may walk in newness of life we shall be successful.

The Value Of The ~~Rite~~ Of Baptism. We observe:-

- 1-That it reminds us of our debt to our Lord.
- 2-That it reminds us of our obligation to deport ourselves properly.
- 3-That it reminds that we are never left alone to walk in newness of life.

Let us rejoice in the privilege that is ours to have fellowship in the suffering and death of our Lord. May we always prove that through the power of God we are living according to our profession.

.....Amen.....

PS. 73:13

Aug. 27 '22

Gal. 6:9

M

Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

For us all life is one great proposition, a problem to be worked out. In order properly to demonstrate the proposition, we must know what it affirms, what was in the mind of its author, what is the answer that he requires. Then we must know the rule to be followed in the solution of the problem. If these conditions are not complied with we are sure to come to improper conclusions and get the wrong answer. We will minimize things that are important and essential and magnify things that are insignificant and nonessential. In order to work out this great proposition, problem we must select the right teacher and follow the right guides. Let us see what the rule that we are to follow, in the demonstration of this proposition, the solution of this problem, says: Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us lay aside every weight and sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us with patience run the race set before us.

HOW MEN MAKE MISTAKES IN SOLVING

THE PROBLEM OF LIFE. Their mistake:-

- 1-Shrewdness for Honesty.
- 2-Impulsiveness for Earnestness.
- 3-Popularity for Uprightness.
- 4-The Polished for the Clean.
- 5-The Fussy for the Faithful.

Let us keep in mind, always, the rule that God has given, in his word for the solution of the problem of life. And we shall not grow weary in well doing.

.....Amen.....

Sept. 10 '22

Rom. 10:13

M

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The dangers to which we are exposed here in this old world are many and of great variety. No one is lost all at once, by the influence or action of one particular danger or evil. We are lost little by little, as we become the victims of evil after evil. Hence the history of the human race is the record of one continuous effort to save itself. But we find no record, any where of the complete success of this effort. We build up in one place and pull down in another. It was a wonderful discovery, when one was found who can save the whole man from all danger and destruction.

The christian life is preeminently a life of safety and security. It is also a life of freedom and power.

Our subject is: The Call and The Name That Save. Let us observe:-

- 1-The salvation that we need. We need to be saved from a)Self b)Men c)Satan
- 2-The value of a name in securing the salvation we need. The name represents a)Knowledge. b)Power. c)Authority.
- 3-When men may call upon the name that saves.
- 4-What men may call upon the name that saves.
- 5-Where and How men may call upon the name that saves.

Let us take the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, that he may teach us the history of this great name; and what has been accomplished through it, and what it will always, every where mean to those who put their trust in him who saves by his great name.

.....Amen.....

Sept. '21

Matt. 17: 4, 5, 6

V

I think we are all agreed that the greatest subject ever announced is The Salvation-Redemption of Man. So if we are agreed upon this we can easily decide as to who the supreme Teacher is. We have had many teachers, even of the subject of Man's Salvation. Many ideas, many ways for saving man have been suggested. But they have all failed and Jesus stands alone, the supreme teacher.

We observe that he is the supreme teacher:-

- 1- Because the subject that he teaches is the supreme subject. It deals with a) Man's relation to God b) Man's relation to his fellow man c) The Provisions that God has made for man's redemption.
- 2- Because he knows more about the subject that he teaches than any one else. He teaches a) How to get rid of sin b) How to obtain eternal life c) How to become children of God.
- 3- Because he teaches what man needs most to know. a) How to obtain peace b) What to do with our enemies c) How to conquer the Devil
- 4- Because he teaches all classes. a) The rich and cultured b) The poor and ignorant c) The young and the old.

Let us ask ourselves the question, do we know these great subjects that Jesus teaches? If not let us humbly put ourselves under his instruction that he may teach as never man taught and make us wise unto salvation.

-----Amen-----

Oct. 1 '22

Isa. 61:1,2,3

M

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

This scripture presents to us a person thoroughly equipped, qualified and prepared to serve a world in need, in a time of test and trial.

One of the most popular methods for obtaining information, knowledge, intelligence is by the survey. The zeal, the enthusiasm, the earnestness and the intelligence with which we enter into any great movement or cause, all depend upon the kind of survey that we have made or that has been made for us. Then too our plans and preparation for the task also depend upon the survey.

We must know the history of the people; their condition, their needs and their difficulties, with whom and for whom we would work, before we can appreciate and value the resources that have been placed at our disposal.

What spirit do you possess as a result of the anointing that you have received? For most of us Church and state and all nature have combined to give us civic, intellectual and religious anointing; but most of us still have the spirit of the world, we are still carnally minded, but do not have the spirit of God.

The Word of God tells us that those who have been redeemed are or shall be Kings and Priests unto our God. Such expressions as this must give to every one who seriously considers his religious life, his calling in Christ Jesus a definite idea as to the importance and dignity of the position that he occupies in the world.

Let us observe from our text:-

1-That the field of operation for the Lord's anointed is definite, specific. He is to labor
a)With the meek. b)With the brokenhearted.
c)With the unjustly treated captive and prisoner.
d)With those who mourn.

2-That the Lord's anointed has a particular all comprehensive topic subject to present to a needy world. It is the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of God's vengeance.

3-That the things to be accomplished by the Lord's anointed are definite and prescribed: They are,
1st To make life beautiful.
2nd To make life joyous.
3rd To fill life with praise.
4th To make life useful as trees of righteous-
ness.
5th To make life conform to God's will and purpose, to exhibit his glory in the earth.

As servants of God let us seek the anointing of his spirit. May we never substitute any thing for the spirit of God.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 12 '22

Acts 26:19

M

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

I suppose, that at some time in life, every one of us has had visions. We may not have given attention to all of them. Indeed, I do not know that we are called upon to give serious attention to every vision that may come to us. But surely we can not afford to ignor-disobey an heavenly vision; for it comes from God and reflects his will, his plan and purpose. With it comes new impulses, new and loftier ideas, and higher aspirations. At such a time we have brighter hopes and holier desires. It is then we make new resolutions and feel the need of a deeper consecration.

To neglect an heavenly vision is to go through this world with no definite plan, making blunders and mistakes fatal to real life and power.

HEAVENLY VISIONS We observe:-

- 1-That heavenly visions come only to those who are prepared for them.
- 2-That heavenly visions ^{Come} to warn, to encourage.
- 3-That heavenly visions tell us of a better world, of a more perfect friendship.
- 4-That heavenly visions should be used immediately they are received.
- 5-That recognizing heavenly visions means a transformed life. a) Holy. b) Prayerful. c) Studious.
- 6-That recognizing heavenly visions means a larger life and a larger work. a) Useful. b) Life of sacrifice
- 7-That recognizing heavenly visions means a life of faith and hope, peace and rest.

Let us remember, always that the Holy Spirit has come and engages to prepare us for the heavenly visions that God will send to us when we are ready to receive them. Let us not keep him waiting.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 15 '22

I Sam. 12:L.C.23

V

But I will teach you the good and right way:

Boys and girls, men and women, who wish to make something of themselves are not very long deciding upon some definite occupation, trade or profession. And then they select a good teacher and go in training for three, five, eight or ten years; then they begin to practice or teach.

The world is great and large and its callings are many and varied. But the Kingdom of God is much larger than the world, and her callings are many. And as we consider the Kingdom of God we can learn many helpful lessons from the rules that prevail in selecting callings and professions in the world. No man, simply because he has general training would be bold enough to assume the responsibilities or duties of some particular profession for which he had had no specific training. And this brings us to our subject: Some Of The Things For Which, We As Church Members Are, or Should Be In Training. We observe:- that we should be training For:-

1-Business-Industrial service. We should consider:-

a)When is a business legitimate? b)What motives should prompt a man to go into business? c)What days are legal business days? d)How many hours shall constitute a working day? e)Shall a man work on the Lord's Day? f)What is a proper wage?.

2-Intellectual-Educational service. We should consider:- 1st Our School system. 2nd Our Books, Magazines and News Papers. 3rd OUR Lecture Halls.

3-Social-Interracial service. We should consider:- I-Home life. II-Places of Amusement. III-Public Service in general.

4-Moral-Religious service. We should consider:- a)Places of worship. b)Modes of worship. c)Hours for worship.

May we always make much and good use of the Holy Spirit. Let him be our Teacher and guide.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 15 '22

II Sam. 22:20

M

He brought me forth also ^{into} a large place: He delivered me because he delighted in me.

Not many people are altogether ^{satisfied} with the place they occupy in the world. Most of ^{us} feel that there is some thing about the place we occupy at present that hampers us and hinders our progress.

We long for deliverance from the narrow hampered place that we are forced to occupy.

There are many things that make a man's position narrow and unprofitable. But at the bottom of all of them whatever they may be you will find sin.

Let us learn from our text:-

1-That God provides a place of opportunity and service equal to the capacity of each and every one of his children.

2-That we keep ourselves out of the large place that God has for us simply because we do not grow and develope according to the means that he has placed at our disposal.

3-That God's favor does more to give us advantage in the world than all else. So we should seek to have him delight in us.

4-That when God brings us into a large place we are always equal to it. And we succeed in it.

Position

Let us fill well the ^A in which God has placed us so that he may be able, according to his desire to advance us to a laeger place.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 22 '22

Ruth 2:19

M

And her mother in law said unto her, where hast thou gleaned today? And where wroughtest thou?

I suppose that there is no woman in all the Bible who has been more generally accepted as a standard of all that is great and noble in womanhood than Ruth the Moabitish young woman. But she has usually been selected for her piety and filial love, for in these qualities she was surely exemplary. However there were other great qualities in her, that almost put her in a class by herself. She believed in simplicity, she was modest, she was polite, she was industrious and frugal.

if She recognized an opportunity and took advantage of it when it presented itself.

We are going to talk about the

Opportunities That God Gave Us Last Week And Every Week.

Opportunities are and always have been of two kinds; and they come to all of us. There are natural opportunities and what we choose to call circumstantial opportunities. Most people think more of and make more fuss about circumstantial opportunities than they do of or about the natural opportunities. And this is the reason why so many people fail to measure up to the great standard of life. Most of us would be far more successful than we are if we would just take advantage of the many opportunities to glean that come to us, instead of waiting to go into a full field with a machine reaper.

Natural opportunities, God gives to every one. But we must be awakened and trained by the Holy Spirit, the world's great Teacher if we would recognize these opportunities. Hence the religious life is the basic life. For no phase of life is at its best, and is most successful separated from the religious life.

The same opportunities that came to this Moabitish young woman more than three thousand years ago have come to each one of us over and over again, and they came to us last week, and they will continue to come to us so long as we recognize God as the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Let us see then briefly what were the opportunities that God gave to us last week. He gave us the opportunity:-

Ruth 2:19

- 1-To deny ourselves-make sacrifices, to suffer.
- 2-To forgive.
- 3-To be kind-to love.
- 4-To associate and commune with the world's greatest characters; and to get wisdom.
- 5-To know the truth, and to be free.
- 6-To obtain a more abundant life.

Let us begin, if we have never done so before, to day to recognize the natural opportunities that God gives to us from day to day as being superior to all other opportunities that may come to ^{us} because of some circumstance.

The natural opportunities enable us to build the structures that will stand the test and last through time and eternity.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 22 '22

Rev. 3:F.C.18

V

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.

For most men the exhortation of our text is attractive, fascinating. Most men like gold and most men would like to be rich. Gold and the desire to be rich constitute the world's greatest incentive to adventure and exploration. But many adventures and explorations have been made into unknown regions in vain. For the adventurer and explorer followed the wrong guide. So after all their deprivation and hardships they have been compelled to return empty handed. Here in this scripture we are assured of success if we do business with the person who invites us to buy. We are not asked to take something new untried, that might prove inferior or even worthless. But we are asked to buy that which has been tried in the fire. We are asked to buy that which has been bought in every land, and by every people and every class of people. No one who has given this gold the proper test has found it necessary to pronounce it worthless or inferior.

When so many treasures are being exhibited before us, and we see so many people apparently as good if not better than ourselves seeking and securing them, we do well to ask ourselves the question, what constitutes Our Real Wealth; What Is The Gold That Has Been Tried In The Fire? Let us observe that real wealth consists in:-

- 1-Health of body, mind and spirit.
- 2-Character, real intrinsic value. Reputation, Market value.
- 3-Purity of Heart-Holiness
- 4-Faith-Hope-Courage.
- 5-Peace-Joy-Happiness

May we always keep in mind that real wealth is in the reach of every one of us. And that it is the business of everyone of to be rich in the supply that God has provided for us. Let us seek the gold tried in the fire.

.....Amen.....

Oct. 29 '22

Matt. 26:L.C.74

M

And immediately the cock crew.

We may make contracts with men, and some times be allowed to forget them. But it is never so with God. The promises that we have made him will haunt us to our dying day. God does not play; he is not mocked. Majesty and dignity go with all his plans and purposees.

There is always something to remind us of the agreement that we have made with God, a certain turn in the road over which we are journeying; a certain room in the house where we live; the appearance of a certain ^{person} whom we have known in gone by days; the sound of certain familiar foot steps or the sound of a familiar voice may all remind us of a promise that we made God, possibly years ago.

Let us observe that God calls attention to:-

- 1-The Significance and Importance of promises that are made to him.
- 2-The Terms Conditions of the promises that are made to him.
- 3-The fact that promises that are broken with him always bring unrest, pain and agony of soul.
- 4-The fact that in order to keep promises made with him we must stay in his service and among his people.
- 5-The fact that in making God promises we should be first certain that they are the promises to make and that God wants us to make them.

May we be always reminded of the fact that we may have the Holy Spirit to teach us the promises that we should make to God. And that when they are made that he will teach us how to keep them.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 5 '22 Installation of Rev. H.M. Smith at
Syracuse, N. Y. V

At the inauguration, in Washington City, when the President of the U.S. is being inducted into office, he stands before the assembled crowd and the Chief Justice administers the oath. At which time the President with his hand upon the Bible swears, that he will uphold the Constitution, and that he will execute the laws with perfect justice to all. This done, they have a big parade, and banquets and social gatherings all over the city. Thus the President of the U.S. is installed.

I have seen other men installed as heads of large business concerns, and educational institutions. But for sacredness, solemnity, and dignity and glory the installation of a minister into the pastorate of a Church excels them all.

I am very glad that you have counted me worthy to have a part in this great occasion. For Brother Smith, there can be no greater occasion: not even his matrimonial festivities.

Our text at this time will be Eph. 4:11,12,13. And he gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: Till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Let us study:-

- 1-The Nature Of The Ministry. a)The Ministry is consecrated humanity with a divine commission. b)Its efficiency depends upon its knowledge of God in his relation to man and the world, and of man to God and his relation to the future. c)It is not to be, it can not be compared to any other calling. It is at once the most lowly and the most lofty.
- 2-The Work Of The Ministry. a)Apostolic. b)Prophetic. c)Evangelical. d)Pastoral. e)Educational.
- 3-The Results Sought By The Ministry. a)Unity of faith b)Knowledge of the Son of God. c)Perfect manhood. d)Proper conception of Christ.

.....Amen.....

November 19-1922

Centennial Of Baptist Work In Buffalo

One hundred years ago our denomination, like all others, was doing pioneer work in Buffalo. The question of races and nationalities had not entered into the problem of our missionary effort. But during the 100 years just ending, from every country in Europe, and from many parts of Asia and Africa people have poured into Buffalo and the confines of our Association. Among them have come such men as the Rev. E. E. Chivers, a Welshman, who was for more than 20 years Pastor of the Prospect Ave. Ch. of this city; and one of the most prominent Ministers of the N.B. C. for nearly a half century. Mr. John Busch was one of the outstanding members of our denomination fifty years ago. And did much to put Baptist work in Buffalo on a permanent basis. Indeed it was through his generosity that the Cedar St. Ch. ^{became} the perpetual possession of our denomination. Mr. E. L. Hedstrom was for a great number of years one of the most conspicuous members of the Del. Ave. Ch. He was a Sweed. His was and still is the largest coal firm in western New York. Members of his family are still connected with the Del. Ave. Ch. Mr. Richard Humphrey, who has been a member of the Dearborn St. Ch. for more than 30 yrs. is a Welchman.

These are only a few, but typical outstanding members of our Chs. who have come from European countries during the last 100 yrs.

Until very recently there were just three groups composing our Baptist family in Buffalo. the Anglo-American, Afro-American and the German-American. We have already referred to Mr. Busch who represented the German. But we may well mention two other outstanding Germans who have helped to make Baptist history in Buffalo during the past 100 yrs. Mr. A. W. Hickman was for a long time the Attorney for the B.B. Union, was one of these two; and Rev. J. Rodenbender who for a good number of yrs. was the beloved and efficient Pastor of the once 1st German, but now the Spruce St. Ch.

Among the Afro-Americans who were prominent during the last 100 yrs. were Deacons P. Harris and Quarles, and the Misses Coy who all did much to build up and to foster Mich. Ave. Ch.

Nov. 19 '22

Luke 7:1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, that he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue.

It is a mighty good thing to have around, especially, in the time of trouble, distress, calamity, disaster, people of reputation, character, influence and power to whom we can appeal for help, who have resources outside of their own limitations upon which they can draw for our aid.

It is well for us to get acquainted with our neighbors; to learn some thing of their weaknesses, their defects and imperfections; to learn some thing of their virtues, their ability and power. For only with such knowledge can we be mutually helpful.

**THE VALUE OF COMMENDATION AND RECOMMENDATION
IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE.** Let us observe
that by Commendation and Recommendation we show:-

- 1-The esteem in which we hold our fellow man and the influence that he has been able to exert upon us.
- 2-Approval of service rendered, work done, good accomplished.
- 3-That we believe in our fellow man and wish to see him succeed.
- 4-That we have influence with power-authority outside ourselves.
- 5-Unselfishness and generosity in service.

May we always commend the good in our fellow men
and recommend them to him who can and will reward
them.

.....Amen.....

Nov. 26 '22

Isaiah 53:L.C.7

V

So he openeth not his
Mouth

These words constitute a part of Isaiah's prophetic description of Jesus. He was to be the world's exemplar. He would, therefore spend much time in silence; his wisdom, knowledge and truth would show themselves in his plan and purpose, which would become the world's program for righteousness.

It seems almost incredible that these words could rightly describe the one who was to cause revolution and reform and to bring about a new order in the world. But these words do not give us a full description of him who was to be the world's great revolutionist, reformer and redeemer. There were times in his earthly career when he had to speak, and to speak with vehemence and force. But he knew when to speak, how to speak and where to speak.

We shall discuss at this time:

The Use Of The Mouth Let us observe:-

- 1-That we must learn under the proper instructor, how, when and where to use the mouth.
- 2-That we must learn from the proper instructor for what to use the mouth.
- 3-That we must learn from the proper instructor with whom to use the mouth.

May our Lord always be our example in the way he used his mouth.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 3-'22

Nov. 5-'16 John 15:27 μ

Great and new thoughts are not, as
a rule received readily by the
masses. Nor have ~~the~~ world's be-
nefactors been regarded by their
generation earnest and sincere.
It becomes the duty therefore of the
few who have taken the time
and used the energy to study
and learn the value of these new
thoughts to give testimony as to
their worth. And the willingness
of the world to accept and en-
dorse a benefactor will be
determined not alone by his
general deeds of kindness
and acts of love. But by the
testimony of those who know
him intimately and have
had a chance to know the
motives that have prompted
him in his deeds of kindness
and acts of love. Our thought
at this time is,

John 15:27

2

The Influence and Obligation of Association.

Let us observe:—

1st That associations are mechanical-artificial.

- a) When association is mechanical when you do not become acquainted with those with whom you associate. b) When you fail to become interested in the life and work of those with whom you associate. c) When you seek no profit from those with whom you associate.

2nd That associations are official professional. a) As the Pres. and his Cabinet. b) As lawyers and doctors c) Very often as singers.

3rd That associations are Natural. a) When spirits are in harmony. b) When joys are in common c) When sorrows and suffering are in common.

4th That associations affect our moral, intellectual and spiritual life.

5th That our associations put us under obligation to those with whom we associate and to the world that needs their benefit and profit.

May each of us always be mindful of this obligation that are ours because we have associated with Jesus.

Dec. 17 '22

Exodus 17:11, 12, 13

M

And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Life is one continuous battle. When the con-
sonating from one direction is silenced, it sounds
forth from another direction; when we have battled
through one matter, and it is all settled, we find
ourselves face to face with other problems, often
more difficult, through which we must fight; when
peace is made with one enemy, another, and often a
stronger one, arises, whom we must conquer if we
would advance towards the land of promise.

Let us learn:-

- 1-That in the battle of life, the character of our fighting depends very largely upon the personel of our associates. If we are to win the battle, our associates comrades must have strong personality; must have a broad comprehensive vision; must have wisdom knowledge understanding, must know God and understand his plan.
- 2-That the enemy is greatly influenced by the position that our associates occupy during the battle. We shall win the battle, if our associates, comrades occupy a) A high lofty position. b) A holy position. c) A position near, but not in the battle always.
- 3-That the deportment of our associates will have much to do with the way the ^{batle} goes. Their deportment must be such as to a) Increase our faith and courage. b) Make the enemy know that we have sympathetic reinforcement.

Let us remember that while we do not have Moses upon a hill for us, that we have Jesus Christ our Lord who has entered into the heavens for us.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 24 '22

Matt. 2:1-2

V

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlhem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him.

There are lives and communities about which the question of our text does not have to be asked. every one and every thing points to Jesus as the one supreme.

The place that Jesus is given in the world will determine in very large measure its progress. The nations that exalt him are themselves exalted.

Let us learn:-

- 1-That men often obstruct the way and keep earnest seekers from finding and seeing Jesus.
- 2-Those of us among whom Jesus is born are under obligation to tell the earnest seeker where and how he may be found.
- 3-That Jesus should be found in our city life, in home life, in our Church life.

May each of us study so that we shall always be able to give an intelligent answer to every one who may ask us where Jesus who is born king of the Jews is.

.....Amen.....

Dec. 24 '22

Isaiah 9:6

M

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

It must have been a joyful time in the history of Israel's life, when their great Prophet, Isaiah was able to announce a new program for their civil, moral, and religious life. For surely their past history had been one continuous series of ups and downs.

Their world then was very much like our world to day, when many are looking and longing for and all are in need of a new birth of the Christ spirit among us.

We are in a period now when some modern Isaiah must climb to some high mountain peak of faith and get a vision of what God is about to do, and to announce the same to the people.

The world needs to hear with new emphasis, To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

We need to study anew the character of the Child that is born, this Son that is given, that we may know how to use him in the solution of the problems in home, Church and State, that are constantly presenting themselves to us.

Let us see, with what credentials and titles this Child comes into the world, so that we may know how to recognize him. We observe that he comes:-

- 1-With authority to assume the reigns of government.
- 2-With a name that immediately attracts attention.
- 3-With a name that indicates wisdom, understanding.
- 4-With a name that means Glory, Majesty, Goodness, Righteousness, Power, Mercy.
- 5-With a name that implies Sympathy, Provision, Care, Protection.
- 6-With a name which means Good will, Harmony, Faith, Trust and confidence.

May to each of us come new hope, new joy and new
Courage with this announcement
Amen

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Josh. 24:Part of 15

V

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

Most of us who are honest have to work. And one of the hard things we have to do is to find the ringht kind of job and the right kind of person for whom to work.

Some for whom we work are our coworkers, but others are, or would be our masters.

Our great problem should be to make a life, , not simply a living.

The person whom we serve or for whom we work will determine which we will do during the coming year.

We should appreciate very much the liberty that is ours to select the one whom we will serve, or for whom we will work.

How shall we decide whom we shall serve during the year 1923? Let us observe that we should decide to serve:-

- 1-The One who is engaged in the best kind of work:
most dignified and most servicable.
- 2-The One who has permanent employment for us.
- 3-The One who helps us to save our income.
- 4-The One who provides rest for us while we are serving.
- 5-The One who has provided a place for us when we can serve no longer.

Let us all be careful in choosing the one for whom we will work during the year 1923.

.....Amen.....

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Acts 16:L.C.30

M

What must I do to be saved?

Man's fall in the Garden destroyed all of his hopes, not only of heaven but of earth also.

Since then the soil has not been as kind to him the beasts of the forest have been his enemies; the birds of the air have been afraid of him; and his children have risen up to war with one another. Even those who are engaged in good work enter into unfriendly rivalry and bitter antagonisms.

So it is not hard for us to see the lost state in which we are.

Men ~~who~~ swear by earth and heaven that their names are written on the book of life. And therefore they are no longer in need of being saved from the ravages of sin. But when you search you find them exposed to the destructive influences of this old sin cursed world.

They lie, they practice dishonesty, they indulge in duplicity, and deceit, and injustice.

They break the golden rule, and lower the moral standard.

In their hands the Church becomes a secular club and caters to carnally minded men. So this is a very important question this last Sunday morning in 1922.

What must I do to be saved? Let us observe:-

- 1-The question. Not be, have, hear, feel, but Do.
- 2-Of whom the question is asked. Of one who knew how to answer it.
- 3-That it is an imperative question. What Must.

May each of us make good use of the agencies that God has sent to save us.

.....Amen.....